



ANDERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT # 41

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Dear Anderson Families,

At the School Board last night the board voted to adopt option #1, a cohort instructional model. This means that all students will attend school five days a week. Students will be kept separated by their cohorts. These cohorts are broken down by grade level, with the exception of 7th and 8th. Masks will be required. The details of this instructional plan, our reopening plan along with frequently asked questions and other information can be found on the school website.

In order to help the students and staff with all of our procedures, and allow them to set up distance learning with our opt out students our first day of school, **Monday, August 31**, will be a partial day. Students will attend in two hour increments broken down by grade level. The exact times of this, our staggered start and dismissal times, and details of the kindergarten start will come next week.

Anderson families who have children or family members with health issues may choose to opt out of in person learning at Anderson School. This means that your child will access their education through distance learning. You have until **August 21st at noon** to make this choice for your child or children. You must complete the opt out form on the website. After that time, the opt out option will closed until September 16th. Please remember that in order to have your child access in person learning again, after opting out, you will need to receive school board approval.

Distance learning for opt out instruction will be a combination of both synchronous (learning with peers live with a teacher) and asynchronous independent learning. Please refer to the distance learning handbook on the website for more information. If you need more guidance please feel free to reach out to myself or Mrs. Sullivan.

We have developed a plan that we believe best serves the needs of the Anderson School Community. We ask that our families respect and follow the guidelines and rules that we have established as part of this process. I am excited to greet your children on the first day of school.

Sincerely,

Kristi Jacobs
Superintendent